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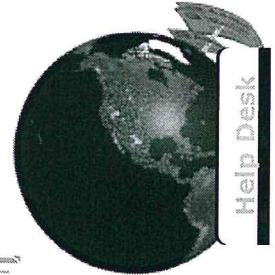
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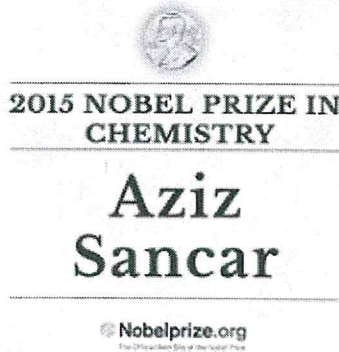
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## Use of Internet and social media as a new communication medium among nurses

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### Abstract

This study was planned with the aim of determining the usage of the Internet and social media among the nurses at the Centre of Health Research and Practice at the University of Mersin, in addition to investigating its contribution to their professional development and evaluating the usage of social media in an ethical perspective. Nurses as an employee group work very closely with society and provide services to healthy and ill individuals. They have been increasingly using both Internet and social media sources while undertaking their roles. This study is a descriptive study. A questionnaire was supplied to 260 nurses who were on duty at the hospital while the data was being collected and who agreed to participate in the research. The data acquired was analyzed using the statistical methods of arithmetic averages, percentages, standard deviations (SD) and chi-square ( $X^2$ ). The results were evaluated using a confidence interval of 95%, with a level of significance of  $p < 0.05$ . The nurses who stated that they use the Internet comprised 259 of the 260 nurses that participated, while 83.8% of them used social media. According to this study, the usage of the Internet and social media for professional development is also common. The majority of the nurses accept that the usage of social media has various risks and state that there is a need for informative studies directed towards more effective usage of these tools.

**Keywords:** Internet, social media, social networking, nurse, ethics.

### Introduction

Today the role of the Internet and social media as 'new public spheres' in which different social identities coexist, have become important to the socializing. In this new communication medium characterized as a 'network society' (Castells, 2005) individuals are connected to each other locally and globally, through the Internet and social media.

Social media may be described as 'the Internet-based applications built upon the ideological and technological foundations of Web 2.0 which enhance the user to create and share content' (Kaplan&Haenlein, 2010:61). According to Boyd and Ellison (2007:210) on the other hand, they are network-based services founded upon the individuals (1) creating a profile which is open or half-open for the public in a connected system, (2) their preparing a list together with other individuals who have mutual connections and (3) their sharing this list with the lists which have been prepared by other users in the system and their following it.

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